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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the Commission and also myself, I wish to thank you for the unlimited cooperation that we have received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding every request we have made for assistance in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Over these almost twelve months now, we never asked for help from the Bureau but what it was given to us in the most generous and competent manner. The volume of our requests and the limited time allowed to try to meet deadlines were often unreasonable, but despite that you and your agents responded immediately and in the finest tradition of an intelligence agency.

Whatever excellence both the investigation and the Report were able to achieve was in a very substantial measure due to that cooperation. Your help was such that you never turned down the requests to assist the Commission in its work even though at times you had doubts either as to the necessity or desirability of some of our inquiries.

Let me say again that we are most grateful to you and every agent who participated in the investigation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel